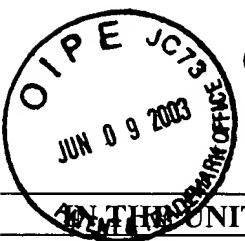


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Jones:

In response to the Office Action that was mailed on February 5, 2003 in the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith.

**Please amend the application as follows:**